

MINUTES

UTAH FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSING BOARD MEETING

May 25, 2006

**Room 4B – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building**

CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 1:05 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Mark Walker
Shaun S. Myers, Chairperson
Joseph W. Thalman, Public Member
Craig McMillan
Reginal V. Ecker
Mary W. Bearnson, Public Member
Allyn Walker

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director
Mitchell Jones, AAG
Jan Gardner, Licensing Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swearing in of Mary Bearnson as a Board Member

Ms. Taxin conducted the swearing of Ms. Bearnson.
Board members were introduced and they welcomed Ms. Bearnson.

Read and approve the February 15, 2006 Minutes.

Allyn Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mr. Ecker seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

APPOINTMENTS:

FYI

Mitchell Jones, AAG, met with the Board during Mr. Turpin's appointment.

9:30 A.M.

Larry Turpen, Probationary Interview

Mr. Turpen did not appear for his appointment. Mr. Turpen's supervisor, Steven Parker, called Mr. Turpen regarding his appointment. Mr. Turpen responded that he had the day written incorrectly and would be present as soon as possible.

11:10 Mr. Turpen arrived and met with the Board for his probationary interview. Steve Parker, supervisor also met with the Board.

Mr. Meyers conducted the interview.

Mr. Meyers requested Mr. Turpen to bring the Board up to date regarding his licenses.

Ms. Taxin explained that Mr. Turpen has his Funeral Service Director's license and has been issued his establishment and preneed licenses. Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Turpen to update the Board regarding what he is working on and how he is doing.

Mr. Turpen responded that he and Mr. Parker have met at the facility and everything is going fine.

Ms. Taxin asked if there was anything at the facility that required changes or updating.

Mr. Turpen responded there was not.

Mr. Parker responded that without any cases to embalm, he has been unable to observe Mr. Turpen working. Mr. Parker stated that the preparation room was clean and ready for use and the mortuary is immaculate as Mr. Turpen has put a lot of work into the facility while he was waiting for his establishment and preneed licenses.

Mr. Parker stated that there is a Death Certificate Log in place to be used when cases come in.

Ms. Taxin asked if Mr. Turpen has had any business since licensing.

Mr. Turpen responded that there has been no business.

Mr. Parker responded that, from his observations, he is of the opinion that Mr. Turpen is in compliance with his Stipulations and Orders. Mr. Parker voiced empathy for Mr. Turpen in that he is in compliance but being consequenced with no business due to the probation status plus he mentioned the local Police Department will not put him on a death call rotation which harms his business financially.

Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Turpen if he has had any more communication with the Police Department as he voiced some concerns that he was not getting any cases referred from them.

Mr. Turpen responded that he has not had further contact with the Police Department as they will not put him on the refer list as he is on probation.

Mr. McMillan responded that there is nothing in the Stipulation and Order to prohibit Mr. Turpen being on a referring list.

Mr. Turpen responded that the Highway Patrol has no guidelines but have taken a hard nosed line and refuse to put him on the list while he is on probation.

Mr. Jones asked what percent of Mr. Turpen's business came from the referrals.

Mr. Turpen responded that it was about 30 to 40%.

Mr. McMillan asked how many mortuaries are in that area and about how many deaths per year are in that area.

Mr. Turpen responded that there are 4 mortuaries and about 20 to 30 deaths per year in the area.

Mr. Meyers stated that there were 75 deaths in the entire State reported last year.

Ms. Taxin stated that if Mr. Turpen obtains 30% of his business from the Police Department referrals then he has about 70% business from other sources.

Mr. Turpen responded that due to the State shutting

him down for 15 months he now must re-establish his business.

Ms. Taxin responded to Mr. Turpen that he should take responsibility for the State having to take action against his licenses.

Ms. Taxin stated that it has been reported to her that Mr. Turpen is offensive in his dealings with the Police Department as well as other individuals in the community. Ms. Taxin stated that how we treat people will pay off in the end.

Mr. Turpen responded that he has called in complaints on others and has never had any disciplinary action taken regarding the complaints. Mr. Turpen stated that all charges against him have now been dropped.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Taxin reminded Mr. Turpen of an assault charge with the Health Department Clerk.

Mr. Turpen argued that there was no assault charge.

Mr. Jones responded that he would pull the sheet of charges and he left the meeting. Mr. Jones returned to the meeting to explain Mr. Turpen's criminal history.

Mr. Parker and Mr. Turpen reiterated that it was unfair and a devastation to Mr. Turpen's business that he is not allowed to be on the Police Department list for referrals.

Ms. Taxin suggested Mr. Turpen go out of his way to be nice to the Police Department and possibly meet with them and let them know that he is trying and would like to offer good services to the community. Ms. Taxin suggested Mr. Turpen put aside his anger and review his manner of dealing with the Police Department and do whatever he needs to do to be put on the referral list.

Mr. Parker suggested that the Division, Board and he, as supervisor, work together to assist Mr. Turpen in completing the probation completed as soon as possible as Mr. Turpen is working in a very closed

community where it is a real burden to offer business but have no one referred or drop in for business.

Ms. Taxin responded that Mr. Turpen will have to be working as a Funeral Director to establish competence prior to termination.

Mr. Jones rejoined the meeting and read the list of charges against Mr. Turpen. Mr. Jones also read the list of facts in the Stipulation and Order that Mr. Turpen signed and agreed to.

Ms. Taxin stated that there were criminal charges and there were charges that Mr. Turpen agreed he did. Ms. Taxin stated that there were additional charges that were dismissed and those charges have not been discussed during the probationary interviews.

Ms. Taxin stated that, until Mr. Turpen recognizes and admits that he did not follow proper procedures and starts the process of moving forward the Division and Board will be unable to move forward with the probation. Ms. Taxin recommended Mr. Turpen take responsibility and do what is required to complete his probation. Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Turpen to respond.

Mr. Parker, supervisor, responded that it is a large burden on Mr. Turpen to be on probation in the community where his business is located and will be difficult for him to supervise and for Mr. Turpen to complete the terms of the probation. Mr. Parker stated that he has a copy of the Stipulation and Order and will continue to supervise and assist Mr. Turpen.

Ms. Taxin asked if Board members had any further questions or any concerns to discuss.

Mr. McMillan commented that Mr. Turpen's lack of business is not based on his probation only and getting off probation will not automatically turn on a green light for business. Mr. McMillan stated that the Board has the responsibility to be sure Mr. Turpen has met certain requirements and to protect the public.

Mr. Parker asked the Board to clarify his role in helping Mr. Turpen with death certificates.

Mr. McMillan clarified that Mr. Parker should make sure there is a type of procedure in place with a log book for the death certificate listing.

Mr. Parker responded that there is a log in place for death certificates.

Mr. Turpen stated that he had a thriving business prior to the disciplinary action and several items in the Stipulation and Order were not true.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Turpen agreed to the facts as outlined and signed the Stipulation and Order and that is the document that we must follow. Ms. Taxin cautioned Mr. Turpen to be careful signing documents and only sign documents that are correct.

Mr. Thalman suggested Mr. Turpen relocate to a different area.

Mr. Turpen responded that he has too much invested at the current location and must stay there.

Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Turpen where his current residence is located.

Mr. Turpen responded that there is a residence at the Spanish Valley facility and he is there about 40% of the time and at the Alpine residence about 60 % of the time.

Ms. Taxin asked how Mr. Turpen is advertising.

Mr. Turpen responded that he has cards that he hands out, he attends the senior citizen center lunches where he hands out his cards and he has an advertisement on Channel 6.

Mr. Turpen stated he understands how to market his business and he has tried many methods. He then stated his competitors have ruined his reputation.

Ms. Taxin asked if Mr. Turpen has thought about

sitting down with the competitors and calmly discussing the issues he has with them. Ms. Taxin recommended they try to work together to offer good services versus belittling each other.

Ms. Taxin suggested Mr. Turpen get involved in some of the community organizations. She suggested he offer community education classes on funeral services to get his name out plus educate the community as a community service.

Ms. Taxin requested Mr. Parker to submit the required quarterly reports. Ms. Taxin requested the reports be submitted prior to the Board meeting in order for her to review and to prepare the file for the Board. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Turpen is not currently working 40 hours per week as required in the Stipulation and Order and perhaps the Board will want to discuss that requirement at a later date.

Ms. Taxin stated that the probation is for 5 years and it started in April 2006 as that is the date the establishment license was issued.

Mr. Mark Walker asked if termination of probation is according to the Stipulation and Order or if Mr. Turpen may request early termination or the Board may recommend early termination.

Ms. Taxin responded that the Stipulation and Order sets the time frame but, if the Board determines the probationer is a safe practitioner and all other requirements have been met, the Board may recommend early termination. Ms. Taxin stated that the probationer may also request early termination by a written request.

Ms. Taxin stated that the Stipulation and Order require Mr. Turpen to meet with the Board quarterly at this time; and if later in the probation, Mr. Turpen is in compliance, the Board may recommend he meet at 6 month intervals.

An appointment was made for Mr. Turpen to meet again September 13, 2006.

Mr. Turpen walked out of the meeting.

Mr. Parker explained that he suggested Mr. Turpen contact the competitors in the area for an open discussion but Mr. Turpen has not been inclined to make the contact. Mr. Parker also stated that Mrs. Turpen has recommended Mr. Turpen close the business for a period of time and let things calm down in the community and then reopen, but Mr. Turpen has rejected the recommendation.

Mr. Jones suggested Mr. Turpen work for a period of time at Ms. Turpen's facility in Alpine in order for Mr. Parker to observe him and to at least be working.

Mr. Parker stated that Mr. Turpen rejected that suggestion.

Ms. Taxin and the Board thanked Mr. Parker for meeting and stated that it is not necessary for him to meet with the Board each time Mr. Turpen has his probationary interview.

10:15 A.M.

Robert Wilcoxon, Probationary Interview

Mr. Wilcoxon met for his probationary interview.

Mr. Myers conducted the interview.

Mr. Wilcoxon stated that Dr. Dennis E. Ahern, PhD, Psychologist, completed the psychological evaluation and that evaluation should have been submitted. Mr. Wilcoxon also stated he and Mr. Del Ballard have communicated on a regular basis, gone over some things, talked about the plan of things Mr. Wilcoxon does each week and Mr. Ballard has copies of each of Mr. Wilcoxon's contracts.

Ms. Taxin stated that she approved Mr. Del Ballard as Mr. Wilcoxon's supervisor. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Ballard was to submit a letter of having read the Stipulation and Order and agreement to supervise and to assist Mr. Wilcoxon in being successful in completing the requirements. Ms. Taxin stated that the Division has not received anything from Mr. Ballard and Mr. Wilcoxon has a responsibility to be sure a letter and reports are

submitted as this is Mr. Wilcoxon's probation and he is out of compliance if the reports are not submitted.

Ms. Taxin stated that the Psychologist evaluation has the recommendation for therapy. Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Wilcoxon if he has gone to therapy.

Mr. Wilcoxon stated that he has not started therapy as he was of the understanding that the Board would give a recommendation. Mr. Wilcoxon also stated that Dr. Ahern only gave a subtle recommendation regarding therapy.

Ms. Taxin responded that she would not be reviewing the complete psychological evaluation but the recommendation is general and she will review that portion with the Board. Ms. Taxin read the summary part of the evaluation and stated that Mr. Wilcoxon must remain in treatment and work on the problems that led to the gambling problem. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Wilcoxon must locate a therapist and be sure the therapist submits monthly reports. Ms. Taxin again reminded Mr. Wilcoxon that monthly reports are required from the supervisor, Del Ballard with the required letter. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Wilcoxon is required to meet once a week with Mr. Ballard and the report must reflect the dates of their meetings.

Mr. Wilcoxon responded that he and Mr. Ballard have talked on the phone when they have been unable to meet weekly.

Ms. Taxin stated that she was of the understanding that Mr. Ballard was coming with Mr. Wilcoxon to the meeting today.

Mr. Wilcoxon responded that he could ask Mr. Ballard to meet at the next appointment.

Ms. Taxin recommended Mr. Wilcoxon get the reports submitted for review and if there is an issue the Board will request Mr. Ballard to meet.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Wilcoxon's employer, Mr. Garner, has not yet submitted a letter stating

he is Mr. Wilcoxon's employer, has read the Stipulation and Order and will support the Division and Mr. Wilcoxon in the requirements.

Ms. Taxin stated that we are lacking 6 reports and the 2 letters. Ms. Taxin stated that the reports and letters must be submitted as soon as possible.

Ms. Taxin reminded Mr. Wilcoxon that he is required to obtain 6 hours of continuing education in the area of ethics. Ms. Taxin stated that the hours must be pre-approved and, to date, he has not submitted anything for her to review.

Mr. Wilcoxon responded that he has read a book that was given to him on ethics.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Wilcoxon should not take it upon himself to complete the requirement without pre-approval by the Board/Division. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Wilcoxon may submit information if he finds something that he would like to take.

Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Wilcoxon if he was prepared to submit a written business plan as she was aware that he and Mr. Ballard have been talking and should be working on the plan.

Ms. Taxin notified Mr. Wilcoxon that he is currently out of compliance with his Stipulation and Order and the reports, letters and business plan must be submitted in order for Mr. Wilcoxon to be in compliance.

Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Wilcoxon to explain what he and Mr. Ballard have been working on, what they have discussed and how Mr. Wilcoxon is working on the issues that brought him before the Board.

Mr. Wilcoxon responded that Mr. Ballard understands the issues that brought him before the Board and they decided that either Mr. Wilcoxon will contact Mr. Ballard or Mr. Ballard will make contact with Mr. Wilcoxon for appointments. Mr. Wilcoxon reported that he and Mr. Ballard have talked about the business plan, the filing system, contracts with signatures,

reviewed all insurance contracts to be sure all the signatures are in place, making sure a copy of the certificate from the insurance company and a copy of each plan is on file and signed. Mr. Wilcoxon reported that he and Mr. Ballard have discussed who the monies submitted go through and Mr. Ballard remarked that in his establishment he has all the money going through his business. Mr. Wilcoxon stated that when in discussion with Mr. Ballard, Mr. Ballard suggested he might call some of Mr. Wilcoxon's clients to be sure the contract is for a real client.

Ms. Taxin commented that Mr. Wilcoxon mentioned in the last meeting that he was nervous about talking with his employer about the probation. Ms. Taxin asked how the discussion went.

Mr. Wilcoxon replied that it went ok and Mr. Garner is interested in knowing that Mr. Wilcoxon is doing well.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Wilcoxon had any questions regarding how to write the business plan.

Mr. Wilcoxon responded that he would like some suggestions.

Mr. Myers suggested Mr. Wilcoxon review how he would handle the general banking, how he handles documentation in the funeral home, to outline things he does well so the Board knows he is doing the business according to the standards of the industry.

Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Wilcoxon if he is clear on what he must do.

Mr. Wilcoxon responded that he thought he was now clear.

Mr. Wilcoxon remarked that the therapy part has been good for him. He stated he is currently meeting with Dr. Ahern but the insurance will only pay to a certain point and he and Dr. Ahern are looking at alternatives for him. Mr. Wilcoxon reported that he has been working on paying off his debts and is close of having

them paid. Mr. Wilcoxon stated that he is attending Gamblers Anonymous on Tuesday nights.

Ms. Taxin suggested Mr. Wilcoxon ask his therapist to include in the report the issues he and Mr. Wilcoxon are working on and include the therapists recommendations. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Wilcoxon should ask his sponsor to write something to the Board as the Board does not see him on a regular basis and feedback is needed to help document success.

Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Wilcoxon to notify his therapist to submit a resume for the file along with monthly reports.

Mr. Wilcoxon responded that he is not seeing Dr. Ahern regularly but is going to try to get on a regular schedule. He also stated that he is seeing his clergy monthly.

Ms. Taxin stated that all reports and letters should be submitted by June 2, 2005 in order for Mr. Wilcoxon to be in compliance and the monthly reports must be submitted regularly thereafter. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Wilcoxon should always keep a file of his Stipulation and Order and copies of anything that is provided to the Division and Board.

An appointment was made for Mr. Wilcoxon to meet again September 13, 2006.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REVIEW:

William N. Spafford, Jr., Review CE
Information

Ms. Taxin explained that Mr. Spafford was on the Continuing Education (CE) audit list. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Spafford e-mailed the Division from Japan stating that he received a permanent waiver of the CE requirements several years ago. Ms. Taxin stated that the Division Staff reviewed past information and the Laws and Rules and were unable to locate any documentation of a permanent waiver or any authority for a permanent waiver.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Spafford has filled out the CE list but has not submitted any documentation or

certificates to back up the list. Ms. Taxin asked the Board to review the information Mr. Spafford submitted and make a recommendation.

Ms. Taxin stated that the Board might want to consider that the funeral service profession has never had an audit and maybe this period be a little lenient.

Mr. McMillan responded that the CE is not difficult to obtain as there are organizations and companies that make their living doing CE presentations.

The Board reviewed Mr. Spafford's information and recommended the information be accepted for the 2006 renewal period. The Board further recommended a letter be sent to Mr. Spafford regarding the acceptance for 2006 with notification that he must complete traditional CE and receive documentation of completion for the 2008 renewal period.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Clarify Equivalent Education

Ms. Taxin informed the Board that Salt Lake Community College has contacted the Division regarding specific course requirements for equivalent education in mortuary science for a Funeral Service Director as referenced in 58-9-302(1)(e).

Ms. Taxin requested Board members to be thinking about what courses should be included in the rules for equivalent education for further discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Renewal and Audit Update

Ms. Taxin explained that Mark L. Olpin was on the Continuing Education (CE) audit list. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Olpin filled out the CE list and submitted documentation or certificates to back up the list. Ms. Taxin stated that the information documents attendance at the 2005 April Conference for 12 hours, 24 hours in CPR First Aid and Mine Safety and Health and 10 hours in Life Insurance.

Ms. Taxin asked the Board to review the information

Mr. Spafford submitted and make a recommendation.

The Board reviewed Mr. Olpin's information and recommended the information be accepted for the 2006 renewal period. The Board further recommended a letter be sent to Mr. Olpin regarding the acceptance for 2006 with notification that he must complete traditional CE and receive documentation of completion for the 2008 renewal period.

Ms. Gardner, Licensing Specialist summarized the renewal, CE audit, Annual Reports submitted and the Corporations Connections for the Board.

Ms. Gardner reported the following:

1. There are currently 314 Funeral Service Directors licensed and 97 have not yet renewed. There are 17 of the 97 Funeral Service Directors who are on hold for the CE audit and 1 is on probation. The other 80 may have moved and did not receive the renewal notice or have decided not to renew for some reason.
2. There are currently 103 establishments and 30 are not renewed. There are 16 on hold due to not submitting the verification of association. There are 4 on hold for other issues, such as not signing the renewal form, did not send enough money or legal issues.

Ms. Taxin stated that there have been many complaints that each establishment must have its own preneed provider license and about half have of the establishments do have the preneed for each establishment. Ms. Taxin reminded the Board that their recommendation at the last Board meeting was to notify the establishments of the law but not to enforce it at this time due to starting the process of making changes in the Law.

Mr. Myer stated that the confusion stems from years ago when Dave Robinson was the Director and stated that multiple establishments under one ownership could use one preneed license.

Ms. Taxin responded that we must follow the Law and Rule. Ms. Taxin stated that the establishment people are angry with the Division for enforcing the Law and Rule the way they are written.

Ms. Taxin further explained that several establishments say they cannot receive mail at their establishment and want their mail sent to the head facility office. Ms. Taxin stated that there is a concern that we do not have an address for the individual establishment location.

Mr. McMillan remarked that there are several establishments that have satellite locations and only open when there is business.

Ms. Gardner stated that some have offered to give a physical address but there is no staff at the location. Ms. Gardner explained that when the license is printed and there are 5 licenses going to the same address, there is a question as to whether the staff knows which license goes to which address as there is nothing to identify the physical address. Ms. Gardner stated that many of the forms and reports submitted to the Division have wrong license numbers listed for the facility and the preneed.

Mr. Mark Walker stated that each license should have some physical location for that license.

Ms. Gardner responded that the computer staff is trying to program a physical address.

Ms. Gardner continued by reporting the following:

3. There are 103 establishments and 35 submitted the required annual report about April 15 as required.
4. There are about 70 establishments that have a preneed license.
5. There are 234 preneed sales agents and 132 have not yet renewed their licenses. None of these were put on hold.

Ms. Gardner reported that several of the establishments did not return the affiliation forms. Ms. Gardner stated that she is still working on the

forms that were submitted. Ms. Gardner stated that several establishments do not know who their sales agents are and cannot fill out the form. She reported that once the affiliations are complete the next renewal should be easier.

Ms. Taxin stated that the sales agents have been calling to say they work for the insurance companies and not for the establishments.

Mr. McMillan responded that the sales agents do work for the insurance companies.

Legislative Update

Ms. Taxin stated that there is nothing to report from the 2006 Legislative session.

Law and Rule Examination

Ms. Taxin reported that the Division is taking away the Laws and Rules examinations from the testing agency due to several issues.

Ms. Taxin reported that the Division has created a statement to be included in all applications for the applicants to sign. Ms. Taxin reported that the statement reads:

Compliance with Utah Laws and Rules:
I understand that it is my continuing responsibility to read, understand and apply the requirements contained in all statutes and rules pertaining to the occupation or profession for which I am applying, and that failure to do so may result in civil, administrative, or criminal sanctions.

Ms. Taxin explained that the applicant must sign and date that they have read the statement which holds them responsible for knowing the Laws and Rules.

Ms. Taxin stated that the Division and Board may want to write some questions for the application after the Law has been updated.

The Board thanked Ms. Taxin for the information.

Review Calendars to Reschedule the August 16, 2006 Board Meeting

Board members requested calendars be reviewed to change the August 16, 2006 Board meeting.

Upon review of calendars, it was determined by the

Board and Division Staff to reschedule the meeting for Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

FYI

Ms. Taxin explained that the Association, the Board and the Division were going to discuss the Laws and Rules, however, she contacted Kelly Magleby and Todd Bonzo and requested they meet with her to review first and to start the process. Ms. Taxin stated that they will be meeting June 27, 2006 for that review and discussion.

Ms. Taxin also stated that the apprentice section should be better clarified regarding supervision duties as the apprentice completes the 50 embalmings and then there is confusion on whether they still need supervision.

Mr. Ecker responded that the apprentice should have direct supervision until they have completed the 50 embalming and then have indirect supervision but should always be under supervision until they are licensed as a funeral service director. Mr. Ecker stated that the supervisor is responsible until the apprentice is licensed as a director.

Ms. Taxin agreed and stated many apprentices are turned loose after the 50 embalmings and clarification would be helpful to the Division and the supervisor.

Ms. Taxin stated that the Board has discussed changing the name of the license from apprentice to intern as there are many different things they need to learn such as embalming, dealing with families, filling out contracts, etc.

Ms. Taxin concluded that she, Mr. Magleby and Mr. Bonzo will write some language for the Board to review and critique.

Mr. Myers asked if he could attend the June 27, 2006 meeting also.

Mr. Jones responded that it will be in informal meeting and he may attend as long as the meeting does not meet the requirements of a public meeting.

Ms. Taxin explained that it will be a brainstorming

meeting only.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Funeral Ethics Organization, Winter
Newsletter 2006

The Board reviewed the newsletter. **No action was taken.**

Article in Utah Business, April 2006

Ms. Taxin notified the Board of the article in the magazine regarding a woman Funeral Service Director.

Board members reviewed the article.

American Funeral Director, April 2006, May
2006

The Board reviewed the April and May 2006 American Funeral Director magazine. **No action was taken.**

Updater, Winter/Spring 2006

The Board reviewed the Winter and Spring 2006 Updater. **No action was taken.**

The Conference Report, Spring 2006

The Board reviewed the Spring 2006 Conference Report.

Mr. Myers asked Ms. Taxin if she participates in the telephonic conferences.

Ms. Taxin responded that she has not.

Mr. Myers commented that the Conference is very involved in a movement for National licensing. Mr. Myers also stated that the Conference is the testing agency and perhaps the Board should designate a Board member to attend their meetings.

Ms. Taxin responded that it should probably be a Board member.

Mr. Allyn Walker stated that Tom Sanderson is serving on the Conference Board.

Mr. Myers requested Mr. Allyn Walker to talk with Mr. Sanderson regarding the Conference meetings and report back to the Board.

OGR Continuing Education Update

Board reviewed to determine if the CE is acceptable and determined the CE meets Utah's requirements.

American Funeral Director Renewal Notice

Board members notified Ms. Taxin that they are receiving the magazine and it is not necessary for the Division to renew their subscription.

Mitchell Jones response to Todd Bonzo, Utah Funeral Directors Association

Ms. Taxin requested Mr. Jones, AAG, to respond to the Board regarding Todd Bonzo's letter regarding remuneration for referrals.

Mr. Jones, AAG, responded that referrals can be accepted if there is no remuneration for the referral.

Ms. Taxin recommended further discussion be deferred to a later date.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

September 13, 2006

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

1:05 pm

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Funeral Service Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing